

# **Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee Meeting Summary**

***June 5, 2003***

Mr. Gonzalez described the bill as being of particular interest to SCAG not because of its impact on SANDAG but rather on the potential impacts that a future amendment may have on SCAG's RHNA cycle. Mr. Gonzalez said that according to discussions taking place in Sacramento, SB 491 is likely to be amended, resulting in the incorporation of language that would institute a one-year postponement on RHNA cycles for all agencies charged with the mandate. The rationales behind the proposed amendment relate to a reduction in state funding levels to carry out the mandate and also to ensure a balanced and consistent workload for Housing and Community Development staff.

A brief discussion followed wherein the Committee asked staff to continue monitoring SB 491 and to bring this back as an action item at the next CEHD Committee meeting in July.

## **6.2 COMPASS RTP scenarios**

Mr. Jacob Lieb, Senior Regional Planner at SCAG, reminded the Committee that this is a continuation of Mark Butala's presentation in May.

Mr. Lieb presented an overview of the growth forecast process and schedule, and described the growth scenarios being developed to help set the parameters for the growth policy discussion related to the RTP/EIR Alternatives. Mr. Lieb also explained that the resulting two alternatives will focus on projected growth using the contrasting approaches to develop an understanding of the effects of differing policy choices.

## **6.3 Growth Visioning update**

Ms. Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development at SCAG, reported on the Growth Visioning Subcommittee received a preliminary report from the consultant regarding the first round of the Regional COMPASS Workshops. Ms. Harris also reported that the Subcommittee recommended that they not meet during this summer while staff and consultant are working through the workshop results.

## **10.0 Closed Session not held due to no new developments in lawsuit**

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# **Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Summary**

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- 5.2.1 Legislative Matrix was pulled from Consent Calendar to ask why certain environmental bills were not included. Committee agreed to request action on at least one additional bill (support for a Nakano proposal (Bill AB 114) to allow hybrid vehicles to use HOV lanes) when list came up at RC.
- Recommendation: This was handled by the Committee Chair during the RC meeting.
- Committee acted to approve support for SB 20, e-waste recycling bill.
- 6.1 Recommendation: This action is agendized for RC action on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Solid Waste Task Force meeting cancelled in May. EEC Chair (also chair of SWTF) directed staff to continue task force meetings quarterly or as needed to address one more item of concern: a potential "SB 939 cleanup" bill by Sen. Sher (this would address some deficiencies in the state waste diversion reporting system). After this issue, the Task Force could sunset.
- 9.0 Recommendation: This item is being addressed on the EEC agenda of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Since it does not appear that Sen. Sher will in fact take any action on such a bill, and this is his final term in the legislature due to term limits, it is staff's recommendation to take the necessary steps to sunset the Solid Waste Task Force.
- 12.0 Committee member (and Water Policy Task Force Chair) Dennis Washburn requested a future report on Caltrans' policies for installing storm water Best Management Practices on freeways and the status of installation.
- Recommendation: Staff will follow up and agendize this for Water Policy Task Force or EEC as appropriate.

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### **3.0 Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The CEHD Committee nominated Mayor Bill Alexander and Councilmember Alta Duke to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

### **5.1**

#### **AB 1221 (Steinberg) Local Finance Bill**

Ms. Charlotte Eckelbecker, Government Affairs Analyst at SCAG reminded Committee members that at their request, Assembly Bill 1221, co-authored by Assembly Members Darrell Steinberg (D- Sacramento) and John Campbell (R-Irvine), is being brought back as an action item to the Committee and to the Regional Council simultaneously with additional analysis and a recommended position.

Ms. Eckelbecker made clear that because the bill is, on balance, more consistent than not with the public finance principles in the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide as adopted by the Regional Council in March 1996 and with the Growth Visioning Principles as adopted by the Regional Council in October 2001, staff recommends a support-in-concept position.

Ms. Eckelbecker also said that on the other hand, the wide range of possible revenue outcomes arising from AB 1221's enactment is likely to create local revenue winners and losers within the SCAG membership. Significant amendments must be made to AB 1221 to mitigate the financial harm that could accrue to cities through no fault of their own. In practice, the amendments would have to be so comprehensive; the bill itself may die for lack of a consensus.

A discussion ensued with the Committee on the affects of AB 1221 in the quality of life of Southern California.

#### **The Committee voted to oppose AB 1221**

### **6.1 SB 491 (Ducheny) RHNA postponement**

Mr. Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG, informed the Committee about Senate Bill 491 by Senator Denise Moreno-Ducheny (D-San Diego). SB 491 extends the deadline for local jurisdictions in San Diego County to update their Housing Elements for one year.

# **Transportation and Communication Committee Meeting Summary**

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**Action Item**     Maglev Task Force Report

**4.1**     An issue was brought up whether to pursue the two other alternatives, namely, LAX-Palmdale and the Orange Line, if the a JPA is not formed for advancing the IOS (West Los Angeles-Ontario portion of the LAX-March Line).

The action approved by the TCC relative to this issue was to support the original IOS (West Los Angeles to Ontario) and direct staff to continue working with those cities along the route that have shown financial interest in further developing Maglev System.

**Information**     US-101 Corridor Study Status Report

**Item**  
**5.1**     A brief status report on the item was presented by Linda Taira of Caltrans. The alternatives were developed based on a three tier strategy, "A" the no-build strategy, "B" the TSM/TDM focussed strategy, which includes about half a billion dollars of short to mid-term improvements for bus, rail, and capital investments for operational improvements. The third tier identified the long range capacity improvement needs in the corridor, including rail option in Alternative E. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the project recommended a "modified strategy D", which includes addition of a fifth lane as well as a billion dollars of near and mid-term improvements. In addition, the TAC also recommended deferring the long-range concept between SR-134 and I-110 to another study.

**Information**     User-Supported Regional Truckways and Regional Rail Capacity Improvement Ideas

**Item**  
**5.2**

Two concepts were presented by Hasan Ikhata, Director of Planning and Policy, that were designed to handle the increase of goods flowing throughout Southern California in the next 20 years. The volume of goods flowing through this region is expected to triple in that time frame.

The first, User Supported Regional Truckways, consists of building a truck way from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the north and east, along I-710, SR-60 and I-15. The proposed truckways consists of two dedicated truck lanes in each direction, spanning a total of 143 miles. The total cost is approximately \$16.5 million, and the average toll needed to support the project is approximately 56 cents per mile.

The second concept, Regional Rail Capacity Improvement Program, is to increase the rail capacity at a cost of approximately \$1.2 billion by using container fees and tax credits. The project would focus on the east-west corridors linking Los Angeles with the inter-modal facilities in the Inland Empire.

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**Information**     Southern California Regional Telephone Traveler Information System Study  
**Item**             A report on the planning efforts for the 511 Telephone Traveler Information  
**5.3**                System was presented by Sina Zarifi, SCAG staff.

511 is a single nationwide telephone number that can be used to access travel information. Once designated, each region was asked to look at how the number can be deployed and implemented within the region. A number of issues were identified. In this region extensive travel information is already available for the public, such as 1-800-commute funded by Caltrans. Additionally there are numerous Internet based travel information sites, both public and privately funded. These sites provide ridesharing and other travel information to the public. The committee evaluated all the issues and made two recommendations: to pursue opportunities for public/private demonstration and to pursue private sector opportunities for deployment of 511.